

## MI Child Support Formula - ADM 2003-22-03

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i I have read the proposed changes to the current friend of the court order and I have just a couple of comments. Children across this state will suffer both physically and emotionally, if this is allowed to pass.

I have two children by one father and he does spend at least 52 nights with the children, however he does not provide clothing, shoes or any incidentals for the children while they stay with him. We had an incident recently that our daughter ran out of diapers and instead of purchasing her some for his home, he and his wife left her with nothing on except her clothes. I use the child support that I receive to provide for our children even when they are in his care. He will not purchase toys, or take them to the movies anything unless I send money for them, which I do. If my child support is reduced by any amount, I will no longer be able to provide for them at both households and the children as well as I know, that they will not be adequately cared for as far as physical needs, (i.e. changing their clothes and pajamas, clean underwear) if I do not continue to send these items. These items which most of the time are returned but not always and I have to replace them, which costs me more money.

The children are fed and cared for mentally and emotionally, they enjoy spending time with their father. However, it is only every other weekend that he spends time with the children. I still have to pay for day care, doctor's appointments, food, clothes, shoes and any other necessities. If the monthly child support amount is reduced, I will still have to provide the same amount if not more care for the two growing children that I am raising without any extra help from their father( he refuses to participate in doctor's appointments, school activities, extracurricular activities) on less money. So, in essence I will still be forced to raise my children in a manner that is less than what they deserve and provide for them at their father's house because he will not do it. A reduction in pay for fathers who spend at least 52 nights a year with their children only works if the father will spend that money on the children for their well-being while they are in his care. I am not guaranteed that, I will still have to provide for them at both homes with less money which is not fair to me or them because their father will not provide the items. I am a good mother and I do not want to allow my children to go without their basic needs because their father will not want to provide, if he has the extra money or not. The people that will suffer will be the children that have fathers that are already upset that they have to deal with the system and not use the money for the benefit of the children as they should.

This proposal in my honest opinion will not benefit the children and I was under the impression that Friend of the Court represented the best interest of the children.